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1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ ON THE ESF YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING AS YOU THINK FIT.

2. USG REALIZES THAT PL 480 FREIGHT PAYMENTS (NOW ESTIMATED AT OVER 30 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CY 1974) WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNBEARABLE BURDEN ON CY 1974 ESF. WHILE WE ARE NOT NOW IN POSITION TO COMPLETELY RELIEVE ESF (OR GKR) OF REQUIREMENT FOR PL 480 FREIGHT FUNDING. WE BELIEVE THAT PROBLEM CAN BE REDUCED TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS.

3. USG INTENDS FUND ALL FREIGHT COSTS FOR SHIPMENT BY U.S. FLAG VESSELS. WE FURTHER ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL FUND ALL FREIGHT COSTS INCURRED BY SHIPMENTS ON A.I.D. CODE 941 (SELECTED LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) FLAG VESSELS. FUNDING OF SHIPMENTS ON DEVELOPED-COUNTRY (A.I.D. CODE 899) VESSELS PRESENTS PROBLEM TO US. NONETHELESS, FOR PRESENT, WE ANTICIPATE FUNDING A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF SUCH DEVELOPED COUNTRY FLAG SHIPPING AS MAY BE NECESSARY. QUESTION OF U.S. FUNDING FOR SHIPMENTS ON DEVELOPED COUNTRY FLAG VESSELS WILL BE RE-EXAMINED WITH EACH NEW SHIPPING TENDER IN THE LIGHT OF OUR OWN FUNDING AVAILABILITIES AND THOSE OF GKR AND ESF. WE EXPECT THAT OVER COURSE OF CY 1974, PL 480 FREIGHT COSTS FOR WHICH THE GKR (OR ESF) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THAT OF CY 1973.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE FUNDED THE ENTIRE FREIGHT COSTS ON ALL PL 480 RICE SHIPMENTS (50,000 MT AT A COST OF 5.8 MILLION DOLLARS) SINCE PARIS ESF MEETING. TENDERS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 50,000 MT ARE CURRENTLY PENDING AND TRANSPORT WILL BE FULLY USG FINANCED. THIS ACTION HAS PRESERVED SOLVENCY OF CY 1973 ESF. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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